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FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell Statement at Official Unveiling of the Commission's New RF "Anechoic" Measurement Chamber in Columbia, Maryland

Washington, DC – I established the Commission's "Excellence in Engineering" Program to enhance the FCC's independent technical and engineering expertise. The creation of this measurement chamber is one of many efforts we have undertaken to ensure the Commission has the most talented staff and the latest tools to perform sound engineering analysis.

One of the Commission's core functions is to measure RF interference. This chamber will allow FCC engineers to perform sophisticated RF measurements on consumer radio devices such as cellphones and on commercial devices such as wall penetrating radars and wireless meter readers.

It is clear that state-of-the-art engineering provides the necessary foundation for state-of-the-art policymaking. The communications revolution is being driven by advances in technology and the FCC must have innovative facilities in order to consider the policy ramifications of these developments.

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